

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/449,697

Examiner

Matthew J. Ludwig

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/12/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6,7,9-14,16,17,19,20,22-27,32,33,35-39 renumbered 1-30.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 2/14/00.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22-27, 32, 33, and 35-39.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The prior art, USPN 6,321,220 to Dean, teaches user input queries and retrieving matching URL's. The reference further discloses a means for pruning those links, which are not on topic and ranks the remaining nodes. The methods are being performed within a hyperlinked environment; however, the reference fails to teach a scheme for removing identified hyperlinks between two pages on a same site and identifying (I,J) cores, which are designated as first and second sets of hyperlinked pages for the expansion of (I,J) cores into full communities. The reference, USPN 6,460,034, to Wical, discloses a knowledge base research and retrieval scheme in which a search query is utilized; however, the reference fails to provide the necessary teaching or suggestion of the combination of limitations within independent claim. More importantly, the reference fails to teach a scheme for removing identified hyperlinks between two pages on a same site and identifying (I,J) cores, which are designated as first and second sets of hyperlinked pages for the expansion of (I,J) cores into full communities.

In reference to independent claims 1, 14, and 27, the claimed features of identifying and removing hyperlinks between any two pages on the same site as well as the identifying of (I,J) cores within the identified collection and expanding each of the identified (I,J) cores into a full community, the full community being a subset of the pages regarding a particular topic, is not shown in the prior art of record and would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have combined the prior art of record to come up with applicant's claimed invention.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Ludwig whose telephone number is 571-272-4127.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124.

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